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The AMSAT News Service bulletins are a free, weekly news and information service of AMSAT North America, The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation. ANS publishes news related to Amateur Radio in Space including reports on the activities of a worldwide group of Amateur Radio operators who share an active interest in designing, building, launching and communicating through analog and digital Amateur Radio satellites.

The news feed on http://www.amsat.org publishes news of Amateur Radio in Space as soon as our volunteers can post it.

Please send any amateur satellite news or reports to:
ans-editor at amsat.org.

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ARISS Contact Opportunity Call for Proposals

Proposal Window October 17 – December 15, 2014

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) Program is seeking formal and informal education institutions and organizations, individually or working together, to host an Amateur Radio contact with a crew member on board the ISS. ARISS anticipates that the contact would be held between May 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. Crew scheduling and ISS orbits will determine the exact contact dates. To maximize these radio contact opportunities, ARISS is looking for organizations that will draw large numbers of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan.

The deadline to submit a proposal is December 15, 2014.

The Opportunity

Crew members aboard the International Space Station will participate in scheduled Amateur Radio contacts. These radio contacts are approximately 10 minutes in length and allow students and educators to interact with the astronauts through a question-and-answer session.

An ARISS contact is a voice-only communication opportunity via Amateur Radio between astronauts and cosmonauts aboard the space station and classrooms and communities. ARISS contacts afford education audiences the opportunity to learn firsthand from astronauts what it is like to live and work in space and to learn about space research conducted on the ISS. Students also will have an opportunity to learn about satellite communication, wireless technology, and radio science. Because of the nature of human spaceflight and the complexity of scheduling activities aboard the ISS, organizations must demonstrate flexibility to accommodate changes in contact dates and times.

Amateur Radio organizations around the world, NASA, and space agencies in Russia, Canada, Japan and Europe sponsor this educational opportunity by providing the equipment and operational support to enable direct communication between crew on the ISS and students around the world via Amateur Radio. In the US, the program is managed by AMSAT (Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation) and ARRL (American Radio Relay League) in partnership with NASA.

More Information

Interested parties can find more information about the program at www.ariss.org and www.arrl.org/ARISS. More details on expectations, audience, proposal guidelines and proposal form, and dates and times of Information Sessions are available at www.arrl.org/hosting-an-ariss-contact. Please direct any questions to ariss(a)arrl.org.

[ANS thanks Debra, K1DMJ, for the above information]

Captain Yuri, UT1FG/mm Reported Heading Back to Sea

Early reports via e-mail exchanges indicate that Captain Yuri, UT1FG/mm may be headed back to sea in December. He is reportedly slated to take over the helm of the MV Greenwing which he will meet in either Canada or the on the ports of the Great Lakes in the USA. Currently the MV Greenwing is off the coast of Sicily and appears to waiting for a load to carry back to the USA or Canada.

For those who want to do so, you will be able to "track" the ship on-line using websites such as http://www.marinetraffic.com
You may need to provide one of the following identifiers to track the ship:
Ship Name: Greenwing
Ships Call Sign: P3GG9
Ships IMO #: 9230921
Ships MMSI #: 209996000

Historically, Captain Yuri has operated on the satellites with these parameters:
1) He operates 1/2 duplex with an Icom 706MKIIg rig with an ELK antenna
2) He is VERY good operator and speaks several languages well.
3) He has NO issues with the 1/2 duplex operations.
4) He works ALL of the available satellites, FM, Linear & even AO-7a.
5) He works ALL of the passes he can, EVEN in the middle of the night!

[ANS thanks Frank, K4FEG for the above information]

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In addition to regular membership, AMSAT offers membership in the President's Club. Members of the President's Club, as sustaining donors to AMSAT Project Funds, will be eligible to receive additional benefits. Application forms are available from the AMSAT Office.

Primary and secondary school students are eligible for membership at one-half the standard yearly rate. Post-secondary school students enrolled in at least half time status shall be eligible for the student rate for a maximum of 6 post-secondary years in this status. Contact Martha at the AMSAT Office for additional student membership information.

73,
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